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SUBJ: KNESSET ELECTS NAVON PRESIDENT

REF.: TEL AVIV 4407 (NOTAL)

1. MK YITZHAK NAVON WAS ELECTED ISRAEL'S FIFTH PRESIDENT TODAY IN A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE KNESSET THE KNESSET WAS RECALLED FROM ITS PASSOVER RECESS TO ELECT BY SECRET BALLOT A SUCCESSOR TO OUTGOING PRESIDENT KATZIR. AS THE ONLY CANDIDATE, FOLLOWING THE WITHDRAWAL OF YITZAK SHAVET AND ELIMELECH RIMALT EARLIER THIS MONTH, NAVON RECEIVED 86 VOTES, MORE THAN ANY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IN ISRAEL'S
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30-YEAR HISTORY. THERE WERE 23 BLANK BALLOTS, PROBABLY REFLECTING A NUMBER OF PROTEST VOTES FROM THE LIBERAL AND HERUT PARTIES, DISGRUNTLED THAT THE NEXT PRESIDENT WILL NOT COME FROM THE RANKS OF THE COALITION PARTIES.

2. NAVON WILL FORMALLY TAKE OFFICE ON MAY 29 AND

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HIS VACATED KNESSET SEAT WILL GO TO AVRAHAM KATZ, A LABOR PARTY POLITICIAN. KATZ IS A GRADUATE AGRONOMIST AND A MEMBER OF KIBBUTZ NAHAL OZ. HE IS 43 AND HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE MAPAI KIBBUTZ MOVEMENT FOR MANY YEARS.

3. IF THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ALREADY DONE SO, WE URGE AGAIN THAT A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS BE FORWARDED TO NAVON (SEE REFTEL). WE UNDERSTAND FROM OTHER EMBASSIES (GERMAN, BRITISH, AUSTRALIAN) THAT OTHER GOVERNMENTS ARE PLANNING SUCH MESSAGES.
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